

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/17/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-20 (renumbered as 1-15).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20090903.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Amendment filed on 6/17/2009 has been entered. In this Office Action, claims 1, 3-20 are pending.
2. Examiner called Applicant for compact prosecution on 9/3/2009 to cancel claim 1 and its dependent claims 3-5 in order to allow independent claims 6 and 14. Claims 6 and 14 are very specific in comparison to claim 1. Applicant agreed in consultation with the client (See Interview Summary).

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Aaron Kamlay, Reg. No. 58,813 on 9/3/2009.

Claims: **Replace amended on record claims 1-6 and 14 with the following:**

1-5 (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
calculating, by a processor of the computer, a Levenshtein matrix of a first string and a second string;

determining a Levenshtein distance from said Levenshtein matrix;
determining a longest diagonal of equal hamming distance within the Levenshtein matrix;
determining a substring corresponding to the longest diagonal within said Levenshtein matrix, the substring being the largest common substring of the first and second strings;
calculating a Levenshtein score as a function of said Levenshtein distance;
calculating a largest common substring score as a function of said largest common substring;
storing at least one of: the Levenshtein matrix, the Levenshtein distance, the largest common substring, the Levenshtein score, and the largest common substring score in a computer-readable storage medium;
determining a similarity between said first string and said second string as a function of said Levenshtein score and said largest common substring score; and
based upon said similarity, automating at least one of data entry for a database, processing within a database, or reporting from a database for a database based upon said similarity, the database including at least one of said first or second strings.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium containing one or more sequences of executable instructions which ~~when executed by a computing device~~ cause ~~[[the]]~~ a computing device to implement a method for determining a similarity comprising:

calculating a Levenshtein matrix of a first string and a second string;
determining a Levenshtein distance from said Levenshtein matrix;
determining a longest diagonal of equal hamming distance within the Levenshtein matrix;
determining a substring corresponding to the longest diagonal within said Levenshtein matrix, the substring being the largest common substring of the first and second strings;
calculating a Levenshtein score as a function of said Levenshtein distance;

calculating a largest common substring score as a function of said largest common substring;

storing at least one of: the Levenshtein matrix, the Levenshtein distance, the largest common substring, the Levenshtein score, and the largest common substring score in a computer-readable storage medium;

calculating a first numerical score as a function of said Levenshtein score and said largest common substring score; and

based upon said similarity, automating at least one of data entry for a database, processing within a database, or reporting from a database for a database based upon said similarity, the database including at least one of said first or second strings.

Reasons for allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- Prior art of record does not teach or suggest or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations as recited in independent claims 6 and 14. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest in combination of claimed elements including "determining a longest diagonal of equal hamming distance within the Levenshtein matrix", and "determining a substring corresponding to the longest diagonal within said Levenshtein matrix, the substring being the largest common substring of the first and second strings" as recited in independent claims 6 and 14.
- Applicant's arguments in Remarks section on page 7, paragraph last to page 8, paragraph one are convincing and valid.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sathyanarayan Pannala whose telephone number is (571) 272-4115. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on (571) 272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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